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Election with Traverse

In response, Applicants elect Group I with traverse. Applicants submit that claims 30-35 are included in the election, but request that the election be expanded to also include claims 36-37 and 39 for the reasons that follow.

Remarks

The groups defined by the Examiner are problematic in that they do not encompass all of the pending claims. For example, Group II is defined such that the polymeric materials "hav[e] equal refractive indices in a first plane ...". Contrary to the claim listing in the Restriction Requirement, this feature is not required by claims 36, 37, or 39. On the other hand, claim 36 and its dependent claim 37 do require that the polymeric materials are arranged "..." to reflect light ... over a range of wavelengths", similar to a requirement of Group I. Applicants therefore request that claims 36, 37, and 39 be examined together with claims 30-35.

Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I with traverse.

No fees are believed to be due by submission of this paper. If this belief is in error, please charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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